

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing information in a network, comprising steps of:

enabling a first user to define a data segment;

recording the defined data segment at ~~one~~ a first of a plurality of user systems connected to the network;

transmitting first information identifying the ~~defined~~ recorded data segment to a remote location, said first information being data other than the recorded data segment and said transmission precluding the transmission of said recorded data;

receiving, at the first of the plurality of user systems, from a second of plurality of user systems via the remote location, ~~at each of the plurality of user systems connected to the network~~, second information identifying the said defined data segment within said recorded data segment located at said first user system connected to the network, said second information being data other than the recorded data segment and precluding the transmission of said recorded data.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the defined data segment comprises a portion of a television program.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user defines the data segment by specifying a starting point and an ending point of the defined data segment.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first information identifying the defined data segment comprises a first starting point and a first ending point of the defined data segment, and the second information identifying the defined data segment comprises a second starting point and a second ending point of the defined data segment.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of enabling the user

to modify the defined data segment.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein modifying the defined data segment includes changing at least one of a starting point and an ending point of the defined data segment.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first information identifying the defined data segment is transmitted to the remote location in accordance with a predefined time schedule.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the second information identifying the defined data segment is adjusted at the remote location to compensate for time delay differences within the network.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing information in a network, comprising steps of:

recording a data segment segments defined by any one of a plurality of users at a first location;

transmitting information other than said recorded data segment identifying said recorded data segment, to a remote location;

receiving from a second of the plurality of users, information other than the data segment identifying the a defined data segments segment within said recorded data segment, other than said defined data segment within said recorded data defined by the plurality of users, at a remote location; and

transmitting to each of the plurality of users, the information identifying the data segments defined by the any of the plurality of users, from the remote location.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one of the data segments comprises a portion of a television program.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the information identifying the data segments comprises a starting point and an ending point for each one of

the data segments.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the information identifying the data segments is received from the plurality of users in accordance with a predefined time schedule.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising a step of adjusting the information identifying the data segments to compensate for time delay differences among the plurality of users.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for storing a data segment in accordance with ~~user~~ inputs from a first user at ~~one~~ a first of a plurality of user systems connected to ~~the~~ a network;

means for transmitting first information identifying the stored data segment, other than the data segment, to a remote location from the ~~one~~ first of ~~a~~ the plurality of user systems connected to the network; and

means for receiving second information from a second of the plurality of systems connected to the network, identifying a data segment defined by a second user within the stored data segment stored at the first of the plurality of user systems connected to the network, said second information being other than the data segment from the remote location at each of the plurality of user systems connected to the network.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the stored data segment comprises a portion of a television program.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the user inputs specify a starting point and an ending point of the data segment.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the first information identifying the stored data segment comprises a first starting point and a first ending point of the stored data segment, and the second information associated with the stored data segment comprises a second starting point and a second ending point of the stored data segment.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the first information identifying the stored data segment is transmitted to the remote location in accordance with a predefined time schedule.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the second information identifying the defined data segment is adjusted at the remote location to compensate for time delay differences within the network.